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memorandum

DATE: July 14, 1982

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AmEmbassy SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
Consular Section

SUBJECT: W/W - John J. Sullivan

TO: Department of State (CE/OCS/EMR)

Ref: State 195798

Enclosed are various documents, photos, etc. relating to the recent exhumation. They are:

1. Forensic examination report.
2. X Rays provided by Department.
3. X Rays taken locally of bones.
4. Copy of OF. #104 from Justice of Peace, Nuevo Cuscatlan, concerning burial of unidentified corpse.
5. Report on description of body prepared by Justice of Peace, Nuevo Cuscatlan.
6. Photos showing pants.
7. Labels found in underwear and corduroy pants.

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DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 107039-A
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Spanish

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San Salvador, July 12, 1982

Consul of the United States of America
San Salvador

Dear Sir:

I, the undersigned doctor of medicine, hereby certify that at 3 p.m., July 12, 1982, at the request of the Consulate of the United States of America, Dr. Victor Esquivel, a radiologist, and I examined a set of human remains in advanced state of decomposition; the cranial and facial bones were missing.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine whether the remains were those of Mr. John J. Sullivan, who disappeared approximately two years ago, and about whom we were furnished the following data: age-26, height 1.80 m., weight -approx. 185 lbs. We were also furnished some x-rays.

Because the maxillary bones were missing, it was not possible to make a dental identification. We had to limit ourselves to estimating the height [of the deceased] from the length of the long bones and the osseous age

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on the basis of the x- rays. According to the Wilton Marion Krogman tables for white Americans, the intercondylar distance of the right femur [we examined corresponds to a height of] 1.73 m. This measurement does not correspond to Mr. Sullivan's height, which was given to us as 1.80 m. The tables allow for a small error of one to three centimeters, but not for a difference of seven centimeters, as in this case. Therefore, I am sure that the remains examined are not those of Mr. Sullivan. End of report.

[Signature]

Dr. Roberto Masferrer

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San Salvador, July 13, 1982

Consulate of the United States of America
San Salvador, El Salvador

Gentlemen:

The X-rays of the pelvis, femur, and right knee taken from the skeleton of the body alleged to be that of Mr. Sullivan do not correspond to the microradiographs made in the United States. The subject's age does not correspond either. Therefore, I do not believe that these are the remains of Mr. Sullivan.

[Signature]

Dr. Victor M. Esquivel

[Physician's stamp]

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Dr. V.M. Esquivel

Dr. R. Dardano

Radiologists

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San Salvador, July 15, 1982

Consulate of the United States in El Salvador
San Salvador

Dear Mr. Consul:

I should like to expand on the report on Mr. Sullivan's case by noting that the osseous age in the X-rays made is between 40 and 45 years.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Victor M. Esquivel

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Inspection Report

At 8:30 a.m. on December 29, 1980 the undersigned Armando Augusto Palma, Justice of the Peace, and Manuel Baltran Hernandez, a clerk, inspected a place called Plan de Lopez in the Nuevo Cuscatlan jurisdiction in connection with the current investigation. They produced the following report: The body of an unidentified man was found in a drain along the edge of the national highway connecting the town of Nuevo Cuscatlan and the city of Nueva San Salvador at the above-mentioned place. The cranium and face, pectoral and visceral part, and fleshy front part of the thighs were destroyed; the hands had been amputed. The body was dressed in a discolored, very worn pair of pants with no shirt. The features could not be clearly identified because of the condition in which the body was found. The man had a stocky build and light brown, almost white complexion, and hairy arms and legs. He was approximately 1.75 m. tall and around 35 years old. Approximately 8 m. from the place where the body was found, along the same highway and partially buried in the dust, we found a hand that was assumed to belong to the aforementioned body. In a westerly direction along the above-mentioned highway, [we found] pieces of straight, black hair.

Death appears to have been caused by the explosion of some sort of device because there are no bullet or stab wounds.

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There are no inhabitants in this area.

Inasmuch as there was nothing more to record, we ended the inspection, and wrote the report, which we signed.

[Signature]

Armando Augusto Palma
Justice of the Peace

[Signature]
Manuel Beltran Hernandez
Clerk

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The undersigned Justice of the Peace,

Certifies: That in the file of correspondence handled by this office during 1980, is a letter which reads as follows:

Quote:

Nuevo Cuscatlan, December 30, 1980

Doc. No. 104

Judge of the Second Court of First Instance
Nueva San Salvador

I am sending you, for all pertinent purposes a four-page report concerning the investigation into the death of an unidentified man whose partial remains were found along the highway between Nuevo Cuscatlan and Nueva San Salvador, near the place called Plan de Lopez in this jurisdiction.

Pleace acknowledge receipt of this document.

Armando Agusto Palma
Justice of the Peace

Unquote.

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Attached to the copy of the document is a receipt of deposit from the Nuevo Cuscatlan Post Office, which reads as follows: "Postal Service of El Salvador, Central America (Registered) R.30-Addressee Judge of the Second Court of First Instance S. Tecla." The receipt bears an illegible signature and a stamp from the Nuevo Cuscatlan Post Office.

At the request of Miss Maria Cristina Acosta, who stated that she was a consular assistant at the Embassy of the United States in El Salvador and who produced legal identification, this document was issued in the Office of the Justice of the Peace of Nuevo Cuscatlan at 9:30 a.m. on July 8, 1982.

[Signature]

Manuel Boltran Hernandez
Clerk

[Stamp of the clerk of the Justice of the Peace]

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ACTA DE INSPECCION.

En el lugar denominado "Plan de López" de la jurisdicción de- Nuevo Cuscatlán, a las ocho horas y treinta minutos del día-- veintinueve de diciembre de mil novecientos ochenta.- Constituido el suscrito Juez de Paz don Armando Augusto Palma asociado del Secretario que autoriza don Manuel Beltrán Hernández, en el lugar de los hechos que se investigan en la presente causa, con el fín de practicar inspección en dicho lugar, al- proceder a ello dió el resultado siguiente: Sobre la carretera Nacional que de la Población de Nuevo Cuscatlán conduce a la Ciudad de Nueva San Salvador, exáctamente a orillas de la misma en el lugar antes mencionado, observamos que en un desagüe se encuentra el cadáver de un hombre no identificado el cual- presenta cráneo y cara destruidas, parte pectoral y vísceras destruidas, muslos , (partes anteriores destruida la carnosidad) aputado de las manos. Viste pantalón bastante usado destRido y sin camisa. Sus facciónes no se pueden precisar exáctamente debido al estado en que se encuentra. Es de complexión- fuerte, piel morena clara, casi blanca, velludo de los brazos y de las piernas. Mide aproximadamente un metro setenta y cinco centímetros mas o menos, supuestamente de unos treinta y cinco años de edad mas o menos. Como a unos ocho metros de distancia del lugar donde se encuentra el cadáger, sobre la misma Carretera y parte enterrada en el polvo encontramos una mano que se supone es del mismo cadáver o parte de éste. Al rumbo Poniente y sobre la citade carretera, resíduos de pelo color negro liso.- Dicho cadáver dá la impresión de que falleció a consecuencia de explosión de un artefacto , pues no presenta he-- ridas de bala ni arma blanca.- Vecinos inmediatos no hay en este lugar.- No habiendo mas que hacer constar, damos por terminado el acto y acta que firmamos.- Enmendado-autoriza- pro-

ducidas- Salvador- encuentra- anteriores-- cadáver- impresión-

damos- Vale.-

Armando Augusto Palma

Juez de Paz.

Manuel Beltrán Hernández

Secretario.-

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San Salvador, 13 de Julio de 1982.

Consulado de Los Estados Unidos de Norte America.
Presente.

Estimados Sres:

Las radiografias de la pelvis, femur y rodilla derecha tomadas en la osamenta del cadaver del supuesto Sr Sullivan no se encuentra relación de comparabilidad con las micro-radiografia obtenidas en los Estados Unidos; tampoco la edad del sujeto es compatible, por consiguiente no creo que se trate de los restos del Sr. Sullivan.

Dr. Victor M. Esquivel.

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Consulado de Los Estados Unidos en
El Salvador
Presente.

Estimado Sr. Consul:

Ampliando reporte sobre el caso del Sr Sullivan la edad ósea en las radiografias tomadas es aproximadamente entre 40 y 45 años.

Atentamente,

Dr. Victor M Esquivel.

San Salvador, Julio 15 de 198 2

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EL INFRASCRITO JUEZ DE PAZ,

CERTIFICA: que en el legajo de la Correspondencia Despachada por esta Oficina en el año de mil novecientos o--chenta, entre otros se encuentra el Oficio que literal--mente dice:""""""

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Señor Consul de Los Estados Unidos De América,
Presente.

El infrascrito Médico y Cirujano hace constar:

Que el día de hoy a las tres de la tarde, por solicitud del Consulado de Los Estados Unidos de América, ha examinado en compañía del doctor Víctor Esquivel, Radiólogo, restos humanos en avanzado estado de desintegración, en los cuales faltan los huesos del cráneo y la cara.

El objetode la investigación era para averiguar si correspondían a los restos del señor John J. Sullivan desaparecido desde hace aproximadamente dos años y de quien se nos proporcionaron los datos siguientes: Edad 26 años, estatura 1.80 ctms., peso 185 lbs. aproximadamente y además algunas radiografías.

Debido a la falta de los maxilares no es posible identificación dentaria; y solo podemos aprovechar los huesos largos para calcular la estatura, y la edad ósea por la radiografía. La longitud bicondílea del fémur derecho, es de 1.73 ctms. según las tablas de Wilton Marion Krogman, para la población blanca de Los Estados Unidos, la cual no coíncide con la estatura del señor Sullivan que según el dato que se nos proporcionó era de 1.80 ctms. En estas tablas es posible un pequeño error de uno a tres centímetros, pero no una diferencia de siete, como en el presente caso, por lo cual estoy seguro que dichos restos no pertenecen al señor Sullivan.

Así mi informe.

San Salvador 12 de Julio de 1982.

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NOTA: Se agrega informe del Radiólogo Dr. Esquivel.

AL SEÑOR CONSUL DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA EN SU DESPACHO OFICIAL.

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